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1. DANISH REPRESENTATIVES AT OCTOBER 21 CHEMIST SUBGROUP MEETING WILL BE BOJE JORGENSEN, CUSTOMS ASSISTANT, CUSTOMS DIRECTORATE; AND JORGEN BENT LARSEN, CHEMIST, STATE RESEARCH INSTITUTE.

2. USG THINKING OUTLINED REFTTEL WAS PRESENTED IN DISCUSSION WITH SENIOR OFFICIAL MOST DIRECTLY CONCERNED IN CUSTOMS
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DIRECTORATE, G. TOMBERG, WHO IS BOJE JORGENSEN'S SUPERIOR.

TOMBERG WILL BRIEF AND INSTRUCT HIS ASSISTANT ON US POSITION PRIOR TO LATTER'S TRAVEL TO BRUSSELS.

3. TOMBERG WAS FAMILIAR WITH COMMISSION'S 50-PAGE STUDY AND PROPOSAL ON PROTEIN CLASSIFICATION. ACCORDING TO TOMBERG, TEXT (ENGLISH VERSION) PROPOSED BY COMMISSION FOR BTN 35.04 READS: "PEPTONES AND OTHER PROTEIN SUBSTANCES AND THEIR DERIVATIVES INCLUDING THE PRODUCTS KNOWN AS PROTEIN OILS AND PROTEIN CONCENTRATES; FISH AND MARINE MAMMAL SOLUBLES; HIDE POWDER, ETC.", THUS INCLUDING ALL VEGETABLE, FISH AND ANIMAL PROTEIN CONCENTRATES. AT SAME TIME, 16.03 WOULD EXCLUDE FISH EXTRACTS TO AVOID PAST DIFFICULTIES IN CUSTOMS CLASSIFICATION OF FISH PROTEIN. DANISH CUSTOMS AUTHORITIES ARE IN FAVOR OF COMMISSION PROSAL AS THEY CONSIDER IT DISTINCT ADVANTAGE TO GROUP AS MANY PRODUCTS OF SIMILAR NATURE AS POSSIBLE IN ONE CLASSIFICATION CATEGORY. FOR SEVERAL YEARS AFTER 1970 TRANSFER OF CONCENTRATES TO 21.07, DANISH CUSTOMS OFFICIALS INADVERTENTLY CONTINUED TO ALLOW THEIR ENTRY UNDER 35.04 AND NEW CLASSIFICATION WOULD SIMPLIFY IMPORT CONTROL. ON TEXTURED VEGETABLE PROTEINS AND HYDROLYSATES, DANISH CUSTOMS AGREE WITH COMMISSION THAT THEY CORRECTLY SHOULD REMAIN UNDER 21.07 AS THEY ARE CONSIDERED MIXTURES OR HAVE UNDERGONE CONSIDERABLE TRANSFORMATION. DANES WOULD HAVE NO OBJECTION, HOWEVER, TO EX-OUT FOR THESE ITEMS UNDER 21.07.

4. RE REFTEL'S STATEMENT OF CURRENT 50 PERCENT PROTEIN CONTENT OF CONCENTRATES (SEE ALSO EC BRUSSELS 6553, PARA 7, SPECIFYING MINIMUM 70 PERCENT), DANISH CUSTOMS STATE THAT MINIMUM PROTEIN PERCENTAGE IS NOT SPECIFIED FOR CONCENTRATES ALTHOUGH 70 PERCENT IS REGARDED AS NORMAL, AND IN PRACTICE ALL CONCENTRATES, IRRESPECTIVE OF PROTEIN CONTENT, WOULD BE ALLOWED ENTRY UNDER CONCENTRATE CLASSIFICATION.
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